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Secretary of State Kevin Shelley Assigns Proposition Numbers to Two Ballot Measures Certified for the Statewide Special Election

Invites Public to Submit Ballot Arguments, For or Against Measures, by July 31, 2003

SAN FRANCISCO --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley assigned proposition numbers to the two measures that will appear on the October 7, 2003 Statewide Special Election ballot. Listed below are the measures and assigned numbers:

Proposition 53 Infrastructure: Finance.
ACA 11 (2002)

Proposition 54 Classification By Race, Ethnicity, Color or National Origin.
Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

Secretary Shelley also invites interested California voters to submit arguments for or against any of the ballot measures to the Secretary of State's office.

Argument submissions may not exceed 500 words and should be typed double-spaced. The deadline to submit ballot arguments is July 31, 2003 by 5:00 p.m. The arguments may be hand delivered or faxed to the Secretary of State's Elections Division at (916) 653-3214. However, original copies must be received within 72 hours of the deadline. Rebuttals to the arguments are due by August 7, 2003, at 5:00 p.m. A maximum of 250 words may be used for the rebuttal argument.

The two measures along with any arguments for or against will be published in the Voter Information Guide. The Voter Information Guide will be available for public examination during the ballot pamphlet public display period, August 11th through August 31, 2003.

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